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-OF THE-

Seventy-fifth Annual Session

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ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

——HELD WITH——

Antioch Church, Butler County, Alabama

October 12th, 13th and 14th, 1894.

OFFICERS:

J. E. Kolb, Moderator, - - - - -	Rutledge, Ala.
C. C. Lloyd, Clerk, - - - - -	Greenville, "
S. A. Satterwhite, Treasurer, - - -	Letohatchie, "

The next session will be held with Siloam Church, Crenshaw County, Ala., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1894. Introductory sermon by Eld. W. C. Avant; Alternate Eld J. E Kolb. Missionary Sermon by Eld. J. F. Sims; Alternate, Eld. T. T. Dobbs.

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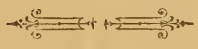

Antioch Church, Butler Co., Alabama,
Friday, October 12, 1894.

The delegates from the churches composing the Alabama Baptist Association met with Antioch Church, Butler County, Alabama.

The Association being called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. E. Kolb, prayer was offered by Elder S. J. Catts.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. H. Cheatham. Adjourned for dinner.

Afternoon Session.

2 P. M. The letters from the churches were read and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Rutledge—Elder J. F. Sims, Elder W. C. Avant, J. T. Helms.
Siloam—A. H. Killough, J. C. Killough, J. H. Killough.
Damascus—J. F. Barre, H. W. J. Andress, *Joseph Kierce.
Union—J. E. Helms, W. O. Killough, C. H. Morgan, *J. W. Holloway.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Spring Creek—J. I. Perdue, P. P. Perdue, E. L. Bowden.
Mountain Hill—R. T. Poole, F. M. Hauser, Bobt. L. Hall.
Hickory Grove—R. H. Cross, J. C. Fonville, H. M. Barkley.
New Ebenezer—E. L. Adams, *B. W. Addison, *Jeff Cook.
Panola—J. M. Stevens, G. R. Vickery, *S. S. Loe.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Steep Creek—Elder S. J. Catts, J. M. Dickinson, W. M. Grant, M. T. Williams.
Ellis—W. L. Hudson, F. E. May.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Indian Creek—Elder W. H. Cheatham, Dan Harrison, E. L. Harrison.
Good Hope—H. P. Watts, J. C. Abbott.
Antioch—J. T. Day, W. P. Bush, Wm. Dickens, R. W. Black.
Gravel Hill—Jno. A. Rhodes, *John Owens, John Bailey.

Absentees thus *

Organization: Elder J. E. Kolb, Moderator; Elder C. C. Lloyd, Clerk; S. A. Satterwhite, Treasurer.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

Received correspondence.

Elder A. F. Goldsmith, of Montgomery Association, Elder J. W. Stewart, of Conecuh Association, representing Orphans' Home, and Elder W. M. Harris, of Greenville, representing Alabama Baptist Sunday School Board and State Board of Missions were cordially received and invited to seats with us.

Bro. Stewart discussed cause of Orphans' Home.

Report on Religious Exercises was read and adopted.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT PRESENT SESSION.

On Nominations—C. H. Morgan, J. H. Killough, R. T. Poole.

On Documents and State of Religion—F. M. Hauser, Chairman.

On Finance—W. P. McQueen S. A. Satterwhite.

On Auditing—J. C. Fonville, T. T. Dobbs.

On Time and Place—A. H. Killough, W. J. Andress, J. T. Day.

On Ministerial Education—Elder W. C. Avant, J. S. Davidson, M. T. Williams.

On Foreign Missions—Elder W. H. Cheatham, J. W. Holloway, E. L. Harrison.

On Home and State Missions—M. W. Rushton, J. W. Holloway, R. T. Poole.

On Religious Literature—J. E. Kolb, W. P. Bush, E. L. Harrison.

On Obituaries—C. C. Lloyd, F. M. Hauser, W. L. Hudson.

On Schools and Colleges—F. M. Hauser; C. C. Lloyd, J. W. Stevens.

On Temperance—S. A. Satterwhite, J. C. Abbott, Jeff Cook.

On Sunday Schools—W. P. McQueen, J. C. Routon, J. E. Roper.

On Bible Cause—Elder W. C. Avant, David Hurst, T. T. Dobbs.

On Religious Exercises—The pastor and deacons of Antioch Church, with Brethren R. H. Cross and H. P. Watts.

Adjourned till 9 A. M. Saturday.

Preaching to-night at 7 P. M. by Elder W. C. Avant.

SATURDAY—Morning Session.

9 A. M. Prayer by Elder A. F. Goldsmith.

Renewed call for correspondence.

Bro. Avant read report on Ministerial Education. Discussed by Cheatham, Avant, Goldsmith, Grant and others. Adopted.

Bro. Lloyd read report on Sunday Schools. After remarks by Fonville, Dickinson, Sims and C. H. Morgan it was adopted.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 P. M. Discussion of Sunday School report resumed by Morgan, Hauser, Vickery, Cheatham. Adopted.

Elder J. F. Sims read report on Documents and State of Religion. Adopted.

Elder W. C. Avant read report on Bible Cause. After remarks by Avant, Sims, Grant and Morgan it was adopted.

Bro Lloyd read report of Executive Committee Spoken to by Sims, Hauser, Lloyd, Morgan and others. Adopted

Committee on Religious Exercises report as follows:

Preaching to-night by Elder T. E. Morgan.

Devotional exercises at 9 A. M. to-morrow by Elder J. T. Davidson.

Preaching at 11 A. M to-morrow by Elder W. C. Avant.

Adjourned till 9 A M to-morrow.

SUNDAY—MORNING SESSION.

9 A. M. Prayer meeting service by Bro. J. T. Davidson.

On motion of Bro. Fonville it was resolved that this Association raise a fund for colportage work within its bounds.

DELEGATE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Elder J. E. Kolb. Alternate – F. M. Hauser.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.

W. P. Bullock, C. C. Lloyd, H. P. Watts, R H. Cross, J. E. Kolb, E. L. Harrison, T. S. L. Grace.

Executive Committee to be continued with the addition of Brethren Jno. A. Rhodes, H. P. Watts, W. L. Hudson and Elders T. E. Morgan, C. C. Lloyd and W. C Avant.

Bro. Lloyd read report on Obituaries. Adopted.

Bro. Fonville moved that the cash collection be applied to liquidate associational dues and balance turned over to Executive Committee

Bro. Hauser read report on Religious Literature Adopted.

Report on Temperance read by Clerk. After remarks by Avant, Stevens, Rhodes, Lloyd, Dickinson and Morgan it was adopted.

Clerk read report on Schools and Colleges. Spoken to by Bro. Hauser. Adopted.

Bro. Clerk read report on Foreign Missions. Adopted.

The report on Home and State Missions was read by Bro. Lloyd. Adopted.

Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

Report of Finance Committee read by W. P. McQueen and adopted.

Auditing Committee's report read and adopted.

Clerk directed to correct Finance Exhibit.

Clerk to be paid $10.00 for his services.

The Association to meet next year with Siloam Church, Crenshaw County, Alabama.

Resolution by Bro. Hauser—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the citizens of this community for the generous hospitality extended to us.

That our prayers and best wishes be given the brethren of Antioch Church and that we pray to meet them all where

"Congregations ne'er break up,
And Sabbaths have no end."

Adopted by a rising vote.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT SESSION

On Home and State Missions—J. C. Fonville, J. C. Routon, Dan Harrison.

On Foreign Missions—W. C. Avant, F. M. Hauser, W. P. Bush.

On Religious Literature—G. R. Vickery, I. F. Helms, J. F. Barrett,

On Schools and Colleges—T. E. Morgan, Jno. A. Rhodes, J. I. Perdue.

On Temperance—W. P. McQueen, H. P. Watts, Joseph Kierce.

On Sunday Schools—J. M. Dickinson, C. H. Morgan, J. W. Stevens.

On Bible Cause—W. H. Cheatham, J. G. Thomas, S. A. Satterwhite.

On Ministerial Education—J. F. Sims, T. T. Dobbs, R. T. Poole.

Missionary sermon at 11 A. M. by Elder W. C. Avant

The parting hand was given. Hymn, "Stand up for Jesus."

Benediction by Bro. Avant.

Adjourned to meet next year with Siloam.

J. E. KOLB, Moderator.

C. C. LLOYD, Clerk.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We beg leave to report that in obedience to your instructions have kept up preaching at Bradleyton. We collected $3.10 at Fifth Sunday meeting in October at Mountain Hill Church, paid same to pastor, received of Gravel Hill $3 00 last year's pledge, paid Bro. Kolb $1.00 due him, paid Siloam $1.25 and Antioch $1 50. We also recommend that this Association continue the Executive Board for the purpose of employing a Colporter in said Association to distribute Baptist literature, and that the Association request pledges of the different churches to pay expenses of said Colportage work. We further report that we have appropriated the amount of $81 50, pledged and paid the Association as follows: Mountain Hill, $20.00; Bradleyton, $20.00; Panola, $20,00; Ellis, $15.00; Siloam, $6.50; Chapel Hill, $1 40, considered by us as weak churches in the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

T. T. Dobbs, Chairman.

REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

We, your committee on Bible Cause, beg leave to report that the Bible is the only book that reveals God to man as his ruler, Lord and King in creation, redemption and salvation. The only book that points him to his eternal destiny.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Avant, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

At the last session of this Association a committee of one from each district was appointed to work up the Sabbath School cause. We find no report from them in the letters sent up by the churches. Five report schools and eight make no report. One church reports two schools and we learn they owe their existence to the zeal of the sisters of that church. We realize that the great need of Christians is a knowledge of the Bible, and we know no better way to get that knowledge than to engage in the Sunday School work. Many of our church members seem to think schools are for children only, not realizing that we are all children in the knowledge of God's word. Paul teaches us, Thes. 5-5, to "comfort ourselves together and edify one another." If any object to Sunday Schools as conducted let them meet together and study the Bible every Lord's day.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. McQueen, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

This Association contributes nothing to Home Missions. For several years our efforts for State evangelization have been confined mainly to our own bounds. We have done this not because we desire to antagonize the agencies of the Baptist State Convention, but because in our way we can accomplish more with the money contributed. We hope in the good cause of State Missions that every effort may be increased, every agency employed and all antagonisms avoided, and we urge upon our churches to contribute more liberally to the end that the work of evangelization in our midst may be more earnestly prosecuted

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. HARRISON, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance means moderation and opposition to extremes. We may be intemperate in eating, in the use of tobacco, coffee, and many other things, even in language. But we desire to speak more specially of that soul-destroying and body-destroying liquid that is used as a beverage all over this fair land of ours—strong drink. Vain would be the effort to portray this monster evil in all its miserable details. But we would recommend that all persons and especially all who profess Christ refrain altogether from this destructive evil. Brethren of the Alabama Association, let us beg you, let us plead with you, let us beseech you "touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing."

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. SATTERWHITE, Chairman.

REPORT ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

The committee beg leave to report that our members should be in earnest sympathy and deeply interested in every effort to educate their children. They should build up and patronize their local schools and take great interest in the selection of teachers, looking to their morals as well as their literary qualifications. Especially do we recommend Howard College as eminently worthy of our patronage, and also the Judson Institute. We trust our members will do all they can to build up these schools. We heartily commend the Seminary at Louisville and the grand work it is doing for the education of our young ministers.

Respectfully submitted

F. M. HAUSER, Chairman.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your committee, beg leave to say that first of all the Bible should be earnestly and persistently read by all who profess the name of Christ. It is the word of God, is truth without any mixture of error, and is able to make us wise unto salvation. It

is God's will written, witnessed and sealed by the precious blood of Christ. We further recommend that we take and read our denominational papers and the best literature for our children in Sunday School. Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Kolb, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We have no statistics of the outlay for Foreign Missions, but are confident the efforts and agencies of the denomination are increasing, that the gospel is being preached to the benighted in all places open to the missionary. The Godly man or woman who enters this work deserves and should have not only our prayers and good wishes, but all the material aid we can spare. We bespeak for the cause of Foreign Missions a liberal contribution. Respectfully submitted

E. L. Harrison, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee beg to report that ignorance is the parent of evil and that all persons should be educated. Especially should the ministry be educated that they may be relieved from embarrassment in expounding the scriptures. And we would recommend that Howard College and our Theological Seminary give more attention to the education of young men preparing for the ministry, thus dispensing with the necessity of a special education for the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

W C. Avant, Chairman.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

Having examined the letters from the churches we find first: The church at Siloam invites the next session of this body to meet with them. Secondly, the church at Chapel Hill has ordained Elder T. T. Dobbs to the full work of the ministry, also has ordained Bro. W. W Hill to the office of deacon The church at Mountain Hill has ordained brethren L. D. Barfield and L. F. Gregory to the office of deacon. Prayer meetings and Sunday Schools, we regret to say, seem to be regarded as of little importance by the most of our churches. We further find that death has claimed eight of our faithful soldiers; but while we view this with its proper degree of sorrow we are made to thank God and rejoice at the glad tidings and good news of the baptism of one hundred and six happy converts. Thus realizing that our spiritual condition is better than last reported, we go on our way rejoicing and sing "Glory to God in the Highest."

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. Satterwhite, Chairman.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to make the following report: To preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. W. C. Avant; Alternate, Rev. J. E Kolb. To preach the Missionary Sermon, Rev. J. F. Sims; Alternate, Rev. T. T. Dobbs.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Morgan, Chairman

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

With bowed heads and sorrowing hearts we report that since our last session it has pleased God to remove from labor here to rest in Heaven our beloved brother, Hosea Helms, of Siloam; also brother J. H. Porterfield and sister Ella Phelps, of Antioch; Bennie Meadows, of Steep Creek; Mary Rodgers, of Chapel Hill; Frances Taylor, of Siloam, and Rachel Phillips and Calvin Cassidy, of Indian Creek. These have laid aside the Christian armor and

"Anchored in the blessed port,
Forever from the storm."

Therefore be it Resolved 1st, That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well. Resolved 2nd, That we extend to the bereaved loved ones our heartfelt sympathies, praying upon them God's choicest blessings. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. Yea from henceforth saith the spirit, they rest from their labors and their works do follow them." We again urge upon the clerks of the churches that they keep a record and send up the names of all members who die that their names may appear in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

C C. Lloyd, Chairman.

PLEDGES FOR COLPORTAGE FUND.

Rutledge	$ 5 00	T. E. Morgan	$ 5 00
Siloam	5 00	T. T. Dobbs	1 00
Damascus	5 00	T. L. Bowden	1 00
Mountain Hill	5 00	J. F. Sims (paid)	1 00
Hickory Grove	10 00	W C. Avant (paid)	1 00
New Ebenezer	5 00	W. P. McQueen	1 00
Panola	5 00	C. C. Lloyd	1 00
Steep Creek	10 00	C, H, Morgan	
Ellis	5 00	W. O. Killough	5 00
Gravel Hill	3 00	J. E. Helms	
Antioch	5 00	J. E. Kolb (paid)	1 00
		Cash Collection	3 85
Total			$83 85

PLEDGES FOR CHURCH BUILDING AT KIRKVILLE.

Hickory Grove	$ 5 00	Sister Satterwhite	$ 1 00
S. A. Satterwhite	5 00	J. G. Thomas (paid)	50
Steep Creek	10 00	C. C. Lloyd	1 00
J. M. Dickinson	1 00	Mattie Stanley (paid)	50
T. E. Morgan (paid)	1 00	R. H Cross	1 00
Sherman Bishop	2 00	J E. Kolb (paid)	1 00
Total			$29 00

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have examined Treasurer's report with vouchers and find them correct; also report of Finance Committee and find it correct.

J. C. Fonville, Chairman.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE ALABAMA ASSOCIATION.

J. F. Sims	Rutledge,	Ala.
W. C Avant	"	"
J. E. Kolb	"	"
W. H. Cheatham	Greenville,	"
C. C. Lloyd	"	"
T. T. Dobbs	Cook's Stand,	"
T E. Morgan	Honoraville,	"
J. G. Thomas	"	"
J. T. Davidson	"	"

LICENTIATES.

Z. W. Petty	Rutledge,	Ala.
M. Pruitt	Fort Deposit,	"
E. S. Perry	Greenville,	"
M. Dickens	Montgomery,	"
Geo. R. Vickery	Coleman,	"
R. T. Poole	Surls,	"

FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

First District—C. H. Morgan.
Second District—W. P. McQueen.
Third District—J. M. Dickinson.
Fourth District—H. P. Watts.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Elder T. E. Morgan, Chairman.
J. T. Helms,
J. B. Foster,
Joseph Kierce,
W H. Rodgers,
T L. Bowden,
R. T. Poole,
W. P. McQueen,
J. E. Helms,
Elder W. C. Avant.

Elder C. C Lloyd, Secretary.
Jeff Cook,
J. M Stevens
S A. Satterwhite,
W. L. Hudson,
E L. Harrison,
H. P. Watts,
J. T. Day,
Jno. A. Rhodes.

STATISTICS OF ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1894.

CHURCHES	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POST OFFICE.	Membership Last Reported.	Increase by				D'c'se by				Present Membership	Number who take denominational paper	Sunday School Pupils	Preaching Sabbaths	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.
						Baptism	Letter.	Voucher	Restoration	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.						
Antioch	Butler	C. C. Lloyd	E. S. Perry	Greenville	67	2	3			4			2	67	2		1	Regular	1
Chapel Hill	Crenshaw	J. F. Sims	W. H. Rodgers	Cooks Stand	51	3	2		3	9	7		1	50			1		1
Damascus	Butler	J. E. Kolb	S. F Andress	Earlton	88	3	1			2	2	6		65			3		1
Ellis	Lowndes	T. E Morgan	F. E. May	Fort Deposit	26									16			4		
Good Hope	Lowndes	J. E. Kolb	J C Abbott	Greenville	33					3				30			2	Regular	1
Gravel Hill	Butler	Seaborn Moore.	J. F. Freeman	Greenville	9	18	1	2		4			1	25			4		1
Hickory Grove	Montgomery	T E. Morgan	D. S. Hurst	Davenport	48	3	3							51			3		1
Indian Creek	Butler	J. E. Kolb	Dan Harrison	Searcy	98	8	10			1		6	2	107			4		1
Mountain Hill	Crenshaw	J. G. Thomas	L. D. Barfield	Naftels	33	12	1	1	1		1			47		30	4		1
New Ebenezer	Crenshaw	J. G Thomas	Jeff Cook	Highland Home	30	6			3	1	2			36			2		1
Panola	Crenshaw	J. G Thomas	J M. Stevens	Surles	26	8						1		34			3	Regular	1
Rutledge	Crenshaw	J. F. Sims	Wm. Swarner	Rutledge	40	5				3	3			46		78	3		1
Siloam	Crenshaw	J. F Sims	J. B. Foster.	Rutledge	65	6	1			2			2	68			2		1
Spring Creek	Butler	W H. Cheatham	T L Bowden	Daisy	69	3	1						1	73			3		1
Steep Creek	Lowndes	S J Catts	M. A Powell	Haynerville	84	7	1			3	1		1	87		30	1, 3	Regular	1
Union	Crenshaw	S W. Raley	I. W Holloway	Honoraville	95	19		2	2		1			117			4	Regular	1
Total					862	106	29	5	9	32	17	13	10	920	2	138			

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES —Rutledge Church, Wm. Bailey, Rutledge; Union Church, C. H. Morgan, Honoraville; Mountain Hill Church, F. M. Hanser, Mt. Carmel; Steep Creek Church, S A Satterwhite, Letohatchie.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1894.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Incidental Expenses	Church Building.	Associational Missions.	Minutes.	Ministerial Education.	Orphan's Home.	Total.	Church Buildings—Value of.	Colportage Fund.
Antioch					65 00	5 00	1 50			71 50	350 00	
Chapel Hill		75				1 60	2 00			4 35	200 00	
Damascus						5 15	2 05			7 20	350 00	
Good Hope							65			65	350 00	
Gravel Hill						3 00	60			3 60	250 00	
Hickory Grove				8 50 v.	5 00	10 00	1 75		4 00	29 25	750 00	
Indian Creek					6 75		3 00			9 75	500 00	
Mountain Hill						5 00	1 00			6 00	150 00	
New Ebenezer						5 00	1 25			6 25	250 00	
Panola						5 00	1 50			6 50	150 00	
Rutledge						50	1 50			2 00	400 00	
Siloam						7 50	2 00			9 50	300 00	
Spring Creek						6 25	1 00			7 25	500 00	
Steep Creek						10 00	2 50			12 50	1400 00	
Union						10 00	1 60			11 60	250 00	
Ellis							60			60	250 00	
Cash Collections					3 00	17 85				20 85		6 85
Public Collections	R. H. Cross					5 00				5 00		
Orphan's Home	E. L. Harrison					2 50				2 50		
Total		75		8 50	79 75	109 35	24 50		4 00	216 85	6400 00	6 85

Name and Post-office of Moderator—J. E Kolb, Rutledge, Ala. Name and Post-office of Clerk—C. C Lloyd, Greenville, Ala. Session of 1895 to be held with Siloam Church, Crenshaw County, Ala., on Friday, October 11, 1895.

A correct account of all vouchers as well as cash passing through the churches from one session to another should be kept, and reported fully in the letters. And remember, the money and vouchers must first be turned over to Finance Committee, thus avoiding much confusion. Total for all purposes, $6,850.55.

W P. McQUEEN, Chairman.

Received of C. C. Lloyd $16 25 for printing Minutes of Alabama Baptist Association for the year 1894.

DECLARATION OF FAITH OF ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. OF THE SCRIPTURES.—We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction [a]; that it has God for its author [b], salvation for its end [c], and truth without any mixture of error for its matter [d]; that it reveals principles by which God will judge us [e]; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union [f], and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried [g].

(a) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works—2 Tim 3- 6-17. (b) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost—2 Peter 1-21. (c) These things are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing ye might have life through his name John 20:31. (d) For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth—Psalm 33-4. (e) God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel—Rom 2-10. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works—Rev. 22-12. (f) Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let them be accursed—Gal. 1-9. (g) If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed—Gal. 1-10

ART. 2 OF THE TRUE GOD —That there is one, and only one, true and living God [a] whose name is Jehovah [b], the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth [c], inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all confidence and love [d], revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection [e], and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption [f].

(a) God in one—Gal. 3 20. (b) That men may know that thou, whose name is Jehovah art the most high over all the earth Psalm 83-18. (c) For by him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible—Col. 1-16. (d) Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders—Ex. 15-11 (e) For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one—1 Joh 5 7. For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the God-head bodily—Col. 2-9. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God Phil. 2-6. (f) God sent his Son into the world, that the world through him might be saved—John 3-17 Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures—Cor. 15-3. And was raised again for our justification—Rom. 4 25. He ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb 7-25. It is the Spirit that quickeneth—John 6-63.

ART 3. OF THE FALL OF MAN. —That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker [a], but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice [b] being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions [c], and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence and excuse [d]

(a) So God created man in his own image—Gen. 1-27 God made man upright—Ec 7-29. (b) In Adam all die—1 Cor 15-22 There is not righteous, no, not one—Rom. 3.10. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do—John 8-44 (c) He that believeth not is condemned already; because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God—John 3-18. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction—2 Thes 1 8. (d) And he was speechless Mat 22 12 For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse. Rom 1 30.

ART 4. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace [a], through the mediatorial office of the Son of God [b], who took on him our nature yet without sin [c]; honored the law by his personal obedience, and man's atonement for our sins by his death [d]; being risen from the dead he is now enthroned in Heaven [e]; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection is every way qualified to be a suitable a compassionate, and an all sufficient Saviour [f.]

(a) For by grace ye are saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God —Eph 2-8 (b) For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus—1 Tim. 2-5 (c) For as much as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also took part of the same—Heb 2-14 And in him is no sin—1 John 3-5. (d) The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness sake; he will magnify the law and make it honorable Isa 42-21. We were reconciled to God by the death of His Son—Rom. 5 10. (e) But we see Jesus—crowned with glory and honor Heb 2 9 (f) For we have a High Priest that can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities—Heb 4-15. For in him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead—Col, 2 9.

ART 5. OF JUSTIFICATION.—That the great gospel blessing, which Christ of his fullness bestows on such as believe in him in justification [a]; that justification con-

sists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness [b]; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through his own redemption and righteousness [c]; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity [d].

(a) Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ—Rom 5.1. (b) Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins—Acts 10.30 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life John 3-36. Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God - Rom. 3-25 (c) Not by works of righteousness, which we have done, but accordiog to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost —Titus 3-5. (d) He that spared not his own Son but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things Rom. 8-32.

ART. 6 OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION —That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel [a], that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith [b], and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ [c]; which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation [d].

(a) Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God. and there is none else—Isa 45-22. Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely Rev. 22-17. (b) Now he commandeth all men everywhere to repent—Acts 17-30 (c) Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life—John 5-40. (d) It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for thee—Mat. 11 24.

ART. 7. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.—That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated or born again [a]; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind and is affected in a manner above our comprehension for calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel [b];and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit we bring forth to the glory of God [c].

(a) Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God—John 3:3. (b) And be renewed in the spirit of our mind. And that ye put on the new man which, after God is created in righteousness and true holiness—Eph. 4:23-24. The wind bloweth where it listeth and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the spirit—John 3:8. Every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God—1 John 4:7 If a man love me, he will keep my words John 14:23. (c) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them—Ehp. 2 10. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not -1 John 5 18

ART 8. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he originates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, praise trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy; that it is ascertained by its effect in all who believe the gospel; is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence

(a) God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth - 2 Thes. 2:13 (b) Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake that they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory—2 Tim. 2:10. (c) According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love—Eph. 1:4. (d) And they that are with Him are not called. and chosen and faithful—Rev. 17:14 (e) Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth Who is he that condemneth?—Rom. 8:33-34. (f) Wherefore the rather, brethren, give all diligence to make your calling and election sure—2 Peter 1 10.

ART. 9. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS -That such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors: that a special providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

(a) Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil—1 John 2:9-10 (b) They went out from us, but they were not of us—2 John 2-19. (c) God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will, with the temptation, also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it—1 Cor. 10:13. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time—1 Peter 1:5

ART 10. HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.—That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability, which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen man, to fulfill its precepts arises entirely from their love of sin, to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

(a) Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one title shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled—Mat. 5:18. (b) Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good—Rom. 6:12. (c) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit—Rome 8.4 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid; yea, we establish the law—Rom 3:31.

ART. 11. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH —That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word, that its only proper officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles of Timothy and Titus.

(a) Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, to all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints -Rom 1:7. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death. Rom 6:4 Paul, an apostle to the churches of Galatia—Gal 1:1-2. For ye are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus For as many of you as have been baptized into Jesus Christ, have put on Christ Gal 3:26-27 (b) Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit And there are differences of administration but the same Lord —1 Cor. 3:4 5. (c) A bishop then must be blameless –1 Tim. 3 1-7 Likewise must the deacons be grave 1 Tim. 3:8-9-1[illegible]; see also Titus 1-7 8-9. Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in word and doctrine; and the laborer is worthy of his reward Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses,--1 Tim 5:17-18 19.

ART. 12. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.—That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit [a]; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified and risen Savior; with its purifying power [b]; that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, [c]; in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination [d].

(a) See here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Phillip said: "If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest; and he said: I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God And they went down into the water, both Phillip and the eunuch, and he baptized him—Acts 8-36 37-38. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost—Mat. 28 19. (b) Buried with him, in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him, through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead Col. 2:12. (c) Except a man be born of water, and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God John 3:5. Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it and gave it to the disciples—Mat. 26:26. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread —Acts 20:7. For as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.—1 Cor. 11:26. (d) But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup verse 28.

ART. 13. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH —That the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath [a]; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreations [b]; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public [c]; and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people of God [d]

(a) I was in the spirit on the Lord's day—Rev. 1:10 (b) Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy -Ex. 20:8. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth the sea, and all that in them is, and rested on the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it –verse 11 (c) Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow-- cts 2 :7. (d) There remaineth, therefore, a rest to the people of God—Heb. 4:9 Let us labor, therefore to enter into that rest--verse 11

ART. 14. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society [a]; and that magistrates are to be prayed for [b]; conscientiously honored and obeyed [c]; except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ [d], who is the only Lord of the conscience, and prince of the kings of the earth [e]

(a) For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God. Rom. 13:1. For he is the minister of God to thee for good. Verse 4 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil Verse 3 (b) I exhort, therefore that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving thanks be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority 1 Tim. 1: 2 [illegible]e Wherefore ye must needs be subject not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. Rom 13:5 (d) We ought to obey God rather than men Acts 5:29. (e) Christ is the blessed and only potentate, the king of kings the Lord of lords. 1 Tim. 6:15.

ART. 15. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked [a]; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the spirit of God, are truly righteous in his esteem [b], while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse [c]; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death [d].

(a) He that is not with me is against me. Luke 11:23. Now, if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his. Rom. 8:9. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth not righteousness, is not of God neither he that loveth not his brother. 1 John 3 10. (b) To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness; that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Rom. 3:26. But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of our God. 1 Cor. 6:11. (c) Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Luke 13:3 He that believeth not is condemned already. John 3:18. (d) He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he that is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still. Rev. 22:11,

ART 16. OF THE WORLD TO COME. That the end of this world is approaching [a]; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution [b]; that a solemn separation will then take place [c]; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment; and the righteous to endless joy [d]; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness [e].

(a) But the end of all things is at hand; be ye, therefore, sober and watch unto prayer. 1 Peter 4:7. (b) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. 1 Thes. 4:16. All that are in their graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. John 5:28-29. (c) And before him shall be gathered together all nations; and he shall separate them one from another as a shepherd divideth the sheep from the goats. Mat. 25:32. (d) And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal Mat. 25:32. (e) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them, and they were judged every man according to his works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. Rev. 20:13-14. Shall not the judge of all the earth do right? Gen. 18:25.